



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**Hidehiko KIRA, et al.**

**RECEIVED**

MAR 21 2002

9/lect  
3.2102  
OK

Serial No.: **09/548,313**

**Technology Center 2600**

Group Art Unit: **2652**

Filed: **April 12, 2000**

Examiner: **RENNER, CRAIG A.**

For: **HEAD ASSEMBLY, DISK UNIT, AND BONDING METHOD AND APPARATUS**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
DATED FEBRUARY 25, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 14, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated February 25, 2002.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-9, drawn to a "head assembly"; or Group (II), Claims 10-13, drawn to a "semiconductor part".

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-9 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge  
our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP



William G. Kratz, Jr.  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 22,631

Atty. Docket No. 000452  
1725 K Street, N.W., Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: (202) 659-2930  
Fax: (202) 887-0357  
WGK/nrp